

*Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor*

Whereas, The state of South Dakota believes that every resident should have the opportunity to obtain training and education beyond high school with which to meet personal and career goals; and,

Whereas, The primary responsibility for financial training and education beyond high school rests with the student and his or her family; and,

Whereas, The cost of training and education programs beyond high school may be a barrier to attending vocational training programs or college for many students and their families; and,

Whereas, Financial aid programs and application procedures may appear to be complex and burdensome to students and their families; and,

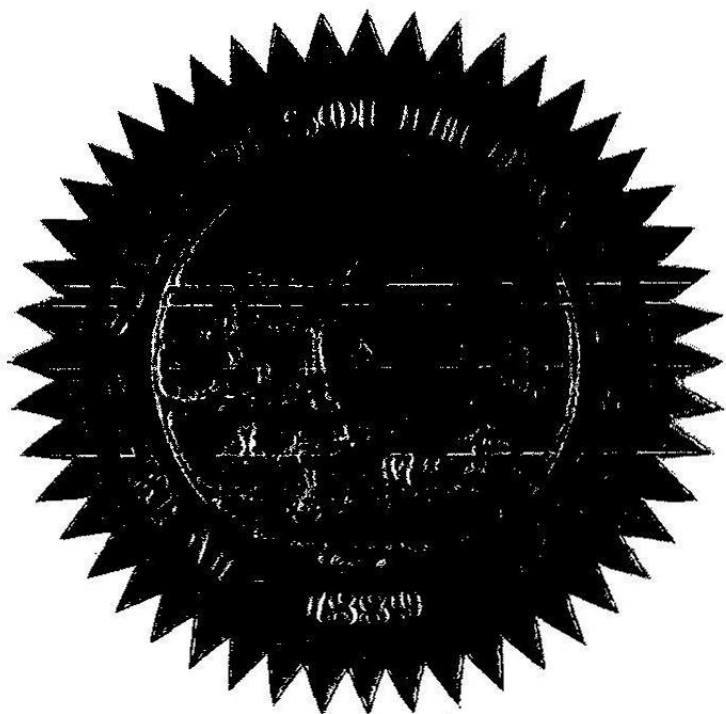
Whereas, The financial aid administrators in the various postsecondary schools in the state of South Dakota are dedicated professionals who make every effort to meet, in an ethical manner, the demonstrated financial need of all students to the extent funding will permit:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2005, as

FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State